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TWO CENTS.

## WILSON GOES TO CONGRESS TODAY, STRIKE ORDERED TO START SEPT. 4

### Brotherhood Leaders Tell Men to Quit Then Unless Settlement Comes

### JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS SET FOR 2.30

### President Will Present Definite Plan for Legislation to Avoid Disaster

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. — Pres. Wilson addressed congress in joint session on the railway strike situation at 2.30 this afternoon.

The President reached his decision to do this soon after a meeting of the brotherhood heads had come to a conclusion on the latest proposal of the committee of railway presidents to defer a strike pending an investigation.

Their decision was not announced, but the President's action in deciding to address congress was interpreted as meaning they had rejected it.

While the President's decision was being announced the brotherhood leaders changed their tentative order for a strike on Labor day to actually order the strike at this time unless it is called off by a settlement. By their action they believe they have anticipated any legal process which might be brought against them.

President Wilson worked nearly all night on the address he was to deliver and after conferring with Chairman Newlands of the senate interstate commerce committee announced his decision. Word was sent to the senate and house leaders so they could arrange a joint session.

The President laid before congress a definite plan of legislation for dealing with the situation. It includes bills laid before him by Senator Newlands after conferences with Acting Attorney General Todd, Secretary Lane and several members of the senate interstate commerce committee. The bill which will be taken up first is a bill patterned after the Canadian industrial disputes act, providing for investigation of disputes between railroads and their employees and preventing strikes and lockouts during the period of investigation. An eight-hour day for employees with a provision that sufficient time shall be given the railroads to prepare for its operation will also be put up to congress for consideration.

The President also discussed with Senator Newlands early this morning legislation for stopping a strike if it begins before preventive legislation can be adopted. In response to a request of the railroad presidents President Wilson postponed his cabinet meeting and arranged for a conference with them to be held shortly before noon.

Added evidence to the conclusion that the brotherhoods have rejected the latest offer of the railroads was found in today's action of the leaders, who sent out a new order which virtually orders a strike on Labor day unless a satisfactory settlement is reached to prevent it. The previous order merely made the strike tentative and required transmission of a code word to make it effective. It now requires no additional word to put the strike into effect on Labor day, but it does require that a settlement has been reached to prevent one.

### The President's Address.

In his address to congress President Wilson said in part:

"Gentlemen of the congress, I have come to you to seek your assistance in dealing with a very grave situation which has arisen out of the demand of the employees of the railroads engaged

### NEGOTIATIONS AT AN END.

Railroad Executives and Employees  
Have Given Ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—After a 30-minute conference between President Wilson and the committee of railway executives it became known that direct negotiations between the railroad executives and the employees through the President were practically closed. The executives refused to accede to a proposal made to them yesterday by Mr. Wilson and presented to him a statement of their position containing another argument for arbitration.

Brotherhood leaders, it was understood today, will fight the compulsory investigation feature of President Wilson's legislative program, but support his eight-hour proposal. In order to have any effect on the present proposed strike the President's legislative program would have to pass both houses and become a law before next Monday morning.

In freight train service that they be granted an eight-hour working day, safeguarded by payment of an hour and a half of service for every hour of service beyond the eight.

"The matter, agitated for more than a year, came some three weeks ago to a final issue and resulted in a complete deadlock between the parties. The means provided by law for the mediation of the controversy failed and the means of arbitration for which the law provides were rejected.

"The representatives of the railway executives proposed that the demands of the men be submitted in their entirety to arbitration along with certain questions of readjustment as to pay and conditions of employment which seemed to them to be either closely associated with the demands or to call for reconsideration on their own merits; the men declined arbitration, especially if any of their established privileges were by that means to be drawn again in question.

"The law in the matter puts no compulsion upon them. The 400,000 men from whom the demands proceeded had voted to strike if their demands were refused; the strike was imminent. It has been set for the fourth of September next. It affects the men who man the freight trains on practically every railway in the country."

The President called attention to conditions which would result from the strike.

"Just as soon as it became evident that mediation under the existing law had failed and that arbitration had been rendered impossible by the attitude of the men I considered it my duty to confer with the representatives of both the railroads and the brotherhoods and myself offered mediation, not as an arbitrator, but merely as a spokesman of the nation in the interests of justice.

"It seemed to me that the whole spirit of the time and the preponderant evidence of recent economic experience were both for the eight-hour day. It has been adjudged by the thought and experience of recent years a thing upon which society is justified in insisting. The whole presumption of modern experience would, it seems to be in its favor. I, therefore, proposed that the eight-hour day be adopted by the railroad managements and put into practice for the present as a substitute for the existing 10-hour basis of pay and service; that I should appoint with the permission of the congress a small commission to observe the results of the change and study the figures of the operating costs not only but also the conditions of labor under which the men work and the operations of their existing agreements with the railroads with instruction to report the facts as they found them to the congress at the earliest possible date, but without recommendations; and that after the fact had been thus disclosed an adjustment should in some orderly manner be sought of all the matters now left unadjusted between the railroad managements and the men.

"Having failed to bring the parties to the political controversy to an accommodation therefore I turn to you believing it clearly our duty to leave nothing undone to safeguard the life and interests of the nation. In the spirit of such a purpose I earnestly recommend the following legislation:

"First. Immediate provision for the enlargement and administrative reorganization of the interstate commerce commission in order that it may deal with its various duties with promptness and thoroughness.

"Second. The establishment of an eight-hour day as the legal basis alike of work and of wages of all railway employees."

## BARBER CLOSES BUILDING AWARD

### Work on New Store and Office Structure to Start at Once

### STANDARD TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

Contractors Are Loomis-Dakin Ltd., of  
Sherbrooke, P. Q. — Mr. Barber and  
Town to Pay Half Cost of Retaining  
Wall.

Herbert G. Barber has closed a contract for the erection of a store, office and apartment building on the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Flat streets. The contractors are Loomis-Dakin Ltd., of Sherbrooke, P. Q., experienced builders who are erecting the fine new theater building in Montpelier.

J. A. Dakin of the firm is at the Brooks House and will supervise the work. He plans to begin work right away with a substantial force of men. He says he could finish the building by Jan. 1 if necessary, but Mr. Barber will not insist upon its being completed before spring.

The new building will be of standard construction of the type used in the best buildings in New York, the walls being built of brick and tile, each story with its floor being independent of the others, with steel work entering substantially into the construction.

The building will be three stories high on Main street and four stories high on Flat street. On the Main street side there will be five stores and on the Flat street side three stores. The two stories above Main street will be devoted to offices and apartments. The interior finish will be of wood, and the lighting and fixtures will be of a pleasing type.

A heavy cement retaining wall will be erected on the east side of the building, to serve as the east foundation wall of the building and as the west boundary of Main street. The street to be regraded at that point. Mr. Barber and the town each will pay one-half the cost of this wall, and the dirt excavated from Mr. Barber's lot in providing a basement will be used for filling in on the Main street side of the wall.

This wall, for which Mr. Barber will award the contract, will be about 20 feet high at the north end, where the grade is highest, and the width of the base will be about one-third the height, diminishing by steps on the street side and forming a smooth wall on the inside. Cement walls may be built in the basement at right angles to the main wall, which would give additional strength.

## GREECE IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO WAR

Russian Army Probably to Co-operate  
with Rumanians in the Invasion  
of Hungary.

Aside from the fact that Rumanian troops have clashed with forces of the central powers in the mountain passes on the Hungarian border no official information has been received in regard to the new campaign.

Unofficial despatches indicate that the task allotted Rumania by the entente allies is to attempt an invasion of Hungary, probably in conjunction with a Russian army. It is reported from Paris that the Bulgarians have decided not to declare war on Rumania even though Rumania should permit passage through its territory of Russian forces.

In Berlin, according to a despatch received by way of The Hague, the entrance of Greece into the war is now regarded as a certainty.

On other fields of war the situation as a whole is more quiet than at any time since early in the summer. Before Verdun and on the Somme last night there were further engagements, but no significant changes resulted.

## NORWEGIANS LOSE SHIPS.

Nineteen of the Crew of the Renteria  
Reach Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, August 29, via London.—The 1,500-ton Norwegian steamship Renteria has been sunk. Nineteen of her crew arrived here today.

## ENTHUSIASM AT BUCHAREST.

King Ferdinand Orders Mobilization of  
Rumanian Troops.

## MAY NOT OPEN SEPT. 18.

Local Schools May Not Start Until  
Sept 25, Because of Valley Fair.

The date of the opening of the Brattleboro public schools has not yet been definitely determined, and in all probability will not be until the return of the latter part of the week of Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, chairman of the prudential committee. The fact that the Valley fair comes Sept. 19, 20 and 21 makes it doubtful whether the schools here will open Monday, Sept. 18, the date recently set by the state commissioner of education. Teachers have been notified that the opening has been postponed at least until Sept. 18, and there is a possibility that they will be told later that the opening has been put off until the 25th.

## BILL ATTACKS THE INTEGRITY OF COURT

Judge Putnam, on This Ground, With-  
drew from B. & M. Receivership  
Proceedings.

BOSTON, August 29.—United States Circuit Judge William L. Putnam today withdrew from the Boston & Maine receivership proceedings because of a bill filed by counsel for the minority stockholders which, according to Judge Putnam, attacks the integrity of the court.

Judge Putnam further ordered that the bill be sent to the office of the federal district attorney for investigation by the grand jury.

James H. Hustis, president of the Boston & Maine railroad, was appointed temporary receiver. The court's announcement of withdrawal followed immediately on his ruling that the Boston & Maine minority stockholders' protective association was not entitled to intervene in the case, which was opened by petition of the Intercontinental Rubber Company of New Jersey, a not holder seeking a receivership.

After Boyd B. Jones, attorney for the rubber company, had given an elaboration of the bill of complaint, explaining that the petition for a receiver was brought through arrangements made with the railroad directors' attorney, Asa P. French, counsel for one of the minority stockholders, charged it was an admission of collusion and breach of trust. He asked for dismissal of the bill on these grounds.

Judge Putnam, replying, said: "You may be right about the existence of collusion, but I should want to send that phase before a master. I cannot allow intervention in this case, which is solely between the complainant and the corporation."

## LIVE STOCK SALE AT NEW PAVILION

Opened Late This Forenoon With About  
300 Persons Present—All Pleased  
with New Building.

Not far from 300 persons, largely cattle breeders, are attending today the opening day's sale of cattle at the pavilion erected by the Purebred Live Stock Sales Co., Inc., of Brattleboro on Vernon street. The sale will continue tomorrow.

The pavilion is in an unfinished state, but it is far enough advanced so that a good idea can be obtained as to what it will be when completed, and all those who have seen it and are interested in these public sales are much pleased with the facilities and conveniences which it will offer.

This forenoon the sale opened at 11.15 o'clock, which was a little later than planned, and only a few head were sold before dinner. They brought satisfactory prices and the sale was resumed soon after 1 o'clock.

There are 125 head of registered Holsteins in the ground, consigned to the sale. The auctioneers are Otis H. Forbush of Easthampton, Mass., James A. Hall of Charlestown, N. H., and Mr. Perry of Barre, this state. The sale this afternoon will continue until 5 o'clock.

The dates for the next sale, at which time the pavilion will be complete, are Oct. 21 and 22.

## COBB LAYS BLAME ON OTHER DRIVER

Says Merrifield Car Was on Wrong Side  
of Road — Denies that He Tried  
to Run from Officers.

Clifford Cobb of Rawsonville, who was driving the automobile which ran into Mark Merrifield's car near West Townsend Friday afternoon and who is charged with reckless driving, says the responsibility for the accident does not rest upon him. He says when he rounded the turn near where the collision occurred he saw the Merrifield car coming at a rapid rate on the wrong side of the road and that he steered his car to the left side in order to avoid being struck. He says that the claim of the other side that he and his party undertook to run away from the officers is wholly untrue and that they were on their way to Wardboro to attend the Old Home day observance. The hearing is set for Thursday morning in Townsend.

## GUARDS ORDERED TO GO TO BORDER

### Vermont Troops at Camp Gov. Gates Equipped and Ready to Leave

### EXPECTED TO LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY NOON

If This Plan Is Followed They Will  
Reach Brattleboro Early Tomorrow  
Evening — About 300 Men in the  
Command.

The National Guard troops of Ohio, Kentucky and Vermont now in the mobilization camps were ordered yesterday afternoon to the Mexican border. About 12,000 men will be moved south at once under the new order, six regiments going from Ohio and three from Kentucky.

Reports from the Vermont camp near Port Ethan Allen indicate that the Vermont soldiers there will entrain Wednesday noon and that their route to Eagle Pass will be the one taken by the First regiment. In this case Vermont's second contingent to the border would pass through Brattleboro early Wednesday evening.

"We'll be ready to go when the order comes," was the answer given last evening by Capt. Bert S. Hyland, Company A, 1st Vermont Infantry, in regard to the anticipated departure for Texas. Capt. Hyland stated that the 290 other men quartered at the fort, the tents and other camp paraphernalia could be en route to Mexico within six hours after the order was received.

At present there are 292 enlisted men and five commissioned officers stationed at the fort. Capt. Hyland is in charge of the camp and has had over 500 men under his command in the past eight weeks. He had weeded out the weaker men by continuous physical examinations and has reduced the number to 292 men who are almost physically perfect. These men are up at 5.30 every day and are given a strenuous four-hour drill in the morning and a three-hour drill in the afternoon.

A physical examination is given the men each week and three lectures on sanitation are delivered weekly. Capt. Hyland has said that during the nine weeks he has been in camp there has not been one case of sickness. A typhoid inoculation is given every recruit three times and each man receives a smallpox vaccination.

The soldiers at the fort are in four divisions. In the headquarters company there are 58 enlisted men; 29 of this company compose the regimental band, "the best musical aggregation in the state," according to Capt. Hyland. These musicians have been gathered from the new recruits and have been trained continuously, practicing six hours every day.

There are 29 mounted scouts, trained for detail work on the border also in the headquarters company. They have their entire equipment including saddles, harness, blankets, glasses and other paraphernalia with the exception of the mounts which will be furnished by the government when the soldiers reach the border. The other nine men in the company include sergeants, corporals and experienced men in some special line of detail work.

The supply company consists of 32 enlisted men. This company will be under the charge of regimental quartermaster, Harry N. Eastman, when the soldiers reach Eagle Pass. There are 22 wagoners in the company who will superintend the carrying of supplies from supply stations to camp and on the march. There are also several mounted and dismounted men in the supply company.

The machine gun company was organized by Capt. Hyland and is the newest of the three companies. In this company are 58 men under the leadership of Capt. G. E. Carpenter, now stationed with the recruits at Fort Ethan Allen.

Capt. Carpenter was formerly a major in the Vermont National Guard. There are four guns in the company and are of the famous Lewis type now being used in the European conflict by most of the belligerent nations.

The company has been presented by the government with five Ford motor trucks which are now at Eagle Pass awaiting the arrival of the recruits. These trucks are especially equipped for the carrying of the machine guns. The members of the company have been taking six-hour target practice every day for the past six weeks.

## ARMED MEXICANS RAID TEXAS MINE

Destroyed Machinery Before They  
Were Driven Away by U. S. Cavalrymen—Seven Killed.

EL PASO, Texas, August 29.—A band of armed Mexicans raided the Big Bend mine near Terlingua, Texas, Monday and destroyed the mine and machinery. A troop of the 6th United States cavalry attacked the raiders, it is reported, killed seven and chased the remainder over the border.

## THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight. Warmer. Showers Wednesday.

## COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETINGS

Institutes to Be Held Next Week in  
Cambridgeport, Putney, Williams-  
ville and Jacksonsville.

Windham county Sunday school institutes will be held as follows, Union church, Cambridgeport, Wednesday, Sept. 6; Baptist church, Putney, Thursday, Sept. 7; Methodist church, Williamsville, Friday, Sept. 8; Universalist church, Jacksonsville, Saturday, Sept. 9.

The speakers will be Charles A. Boyd, Burlington, general secretary Vermont Sunday School association; Walter B. Glynn, Saxtons River, president Windham County Sunday School association; Miss Grace M. Chapin, Saxtons River, elementary superintendent, Windham county; Rev. J. W. Chesbro, Bellows Falls, Teen age superintendent, Windham county; Rev. E. W. Johnson, West Wardsboro, Adult superintendent, Windham county; Rev. W. H. Desjardins, Saxtons River, teacher training superintendent.

Following is the program: Morning session—10.30, devotional service, led by pastor of entertaining church; 10.45, address, The School of the Church, Its Function and Its Program, Mr. Boyd; 11.50, address, Lifting the Load, Mr. Chesbro; 12, a demonstration of story telling, Miss Chapin; 12.30, dinner. Afternoon session—1.45, devotional service, Mr. Desjardins; 2.00, conference, Our Country's Progress, or How to Win Them, Mr. Glynn; 2.30, conference, elementary, Miss Chapin; teen age, Mr. Chesbro; adult, Mr. Johnson; teacher training, Mr. Desjardins or Mr. Boyd; 3.30, address, The Sunday School Teacher and His Bible; 4, question box on general Sunday school problems, Mr. Boyd.

## FIELD MEETING AT DUNKLEE FARM

Stock and Crops Inspected and Ad-  
dresses Given by Experts—About  
75 Present—Basket Luncheon.

An interesting and profitable agricultural field meeting under the auspices of the Vermont Grange and the Windham County Agricultural association began at A. A. Dunklee & Son's farm in South Vernon at 10.30 o'clock this forenoon, with an attendance of about 75, most of whom came by automobile.

The time until noon was spent looking over the stock and crops and at noon a basket luncheon was enjoyed on the grounds.

After dinner Senator Dunklee made an address of welcome. He was followed by Eugene Tolpelt, market agent of the Vermont department of agriculture, who spoke on Marketing. He was followed by Prof. George F. Story of the Vermont College of Agriculture, who spoke on Live Stock Development, using animals selected from the Dunklee herd of Jerseys, to illustrate his points. The last speaker was H. J. Wilder, soil specialist of the United States department of agriculture, who gave an address on Soil Improvement.

## LITTLE GIRL FELL INTO BOILING WATER

Ellen Swedka, a Polish Child, Died  
Yesterday from Burns Sus-  
tained Friday.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, Aug. 29. Ellen Swedka, a two-year-old Polish girl, died yesterday as the result of burns received Friday. While closing a door in her home on School street, her dress caught and she fell into a pail of boiling water in which she had been mixing.

The girl lived in the business section of the village and being just able to toddle about had won the affection of many business men. During the few days she was in bed many of them called on her and took gifts.

## COMMISSIONERS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Border Problems to Be Settled at a  
Conference to Be Held in  
Portsmouth.

WASHINGTON, August 29. — With Portsmouth, N. H., selected as the meeting place of the joint American-Mexican commission to settle border problems only the date of the conference remained today to be determined upon. This will be decided at a preliminary meeting of the commissioners in New York next Monday. It is expected that next Wednesday or Thursday will be the date agreed upon.

## RAIN BOTHERED K. OF P.

Yesterday's Program at Bellows Falls  
Encampment Called Off.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, Aug. 29. Rain which fell all day interfered with the program for the 11th annual encampment of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, yesterday. Battalion drills and other activities, which had been planned, were cancelled. The men and their visitors spent the day in their tents playing cards and swapping stories.

A banquet was given last night by Bellows Falls company, No. 7, and was attended by all the visiting companies. Informal speeches were made by Vermont and visiting officers of the uniform rank.

## PETITIONS FOR TWO CANDIDATES

### G. L. Dunham, Republican, and Dr. E. R. Lynch, Dem- ocrat, in Field

### PAPERS FILED WITH TOWN CLERK HOPKINS

Third Time Dr. Lynch Has Been Can-  
didate — Defeated by J. G. Stafford,  
Republican, in 1910 and E. C. Cros-  
by, Progressive, in 1912.

There are two candidates for town representative from Brattleboro, George L. Dunham, Republican, and Dr. Edward R. Lynch, Democrat. The candidacy of Mr. Dunham was announced several days ago. Petitions for the official ballots of both names on the official ballots were filed with Town Clerk Clark S. Hopkins last evening, as provided by statute.

Dr. Lynch has been a candidate for the office of town representative several times. In 1908 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the caucus and was defeated by M. J. Moran, 135 to 72, and in the election H. G. Barber, Republican, was elected. In the election of 1910 Dr. Lynch was defeated by J. G. Stafford, Republican, he received 588 to 827. In the election of 1912 E. C. Crosby, Progressive, was elected over Dr. Lynch, the vote being 794 to 635.

The signers of the petition for Mr. Dunham are A. E. Merrill, A. W. J. Wilkins, F. W. Kuech, E. E. Perry, V. O. Jones, C. L. Stickney, Harold E. Whitney, E. L. Hildreth, M. C. Houghton, A. P. Simonds, Carl S. Hopkins, Herbert B. Chamberlain, R. H. Brown, Charles G. Staples, John C. DeWitt, F. C. Adams, E. H. Crane, Walter A. Gilbert, W. E. Hubbard, H. R. Lawrence, H. M. Wood, C. A. McKee, E. B. Barrows, J. A. Hoadley, Peter Baggiotti, C. A. Harris, Lester S. Barber, F. D. E. Stowe, A. F. Schwenk, Frank E. Barber, G. F. Barber, A. C. Laird, Harrie B. Chase, Clarke C. Fitts, A. L. Maynard, A. G. Betterley, Robert L. Fitts, F. R. Vaughan, Henry Bond, E. J. Waterman, E. B. Smith, H. G. Smith, A. B. Clapp, E. B. Corbett, W. L. Walker, William Cushman, George C. Averill and J. Edgar Mellon.

Those signing the petition for Dr. Lynch are H. H. Dunklee, D. M. Duggan, M. F. Burke, A. L. Robbe, L. B. Reid, M. J. Cavanaugh, George W. Chandler, D. E. Riley, G. F. Anderson, A. F. Robbe, R. L. Heaphy, John Long, Jr., C. E. Cattanchi, R. A. Oakes, W. J. Fenton, N. M. Howard, J. C. Graves, A. A. Chamberlain, F. J. Miller, F. J. Crone, William Martin, William Mondville, Peter J. Hopkins, F. M. Connors, L. B. Yawey, F. M. Holland, James Sheehy, Leroy M. Wilder, J. H. Baker, F. B. Davis, R. S. Childs, H. E. Gould, S. G. Graves, J. W. Aher, W. A. Shumway, W. E. Blake, John F. Fitzgerald, W. D. Lenihan, H. Seaverns, E. J. Fenton, William P. Toomey and H. B. Haus.

## G. W. POWERS LEASES SAXTONS RIVER INN

Former Leland and Gray Principal, Be-  
sides Conducting Inn, Will Be at  
Head of Schools.

Guy W. Powers of Athens, formerly principal of Leland and Gray seminary of Townsend and formerly proprietor of the Townsend Inn, who is to be the new principal of the schools in Saxtons River, has leased the Saxtons River Inn and will take possession of the house Oct. 1, at the expiration of the lease of Mrs. F. R. Kimball, who has run the inn so satisfactorily the past 18 months.

Mr. Powers is well and favorably known by the traveling public and his many friends feel assured of the success of both himself and the Inn under his management.

A new school building has been erected in Saxtons River by the town of Rockingham, and Mr. Powers will be at the head of it, but this is entirely independent of the principalship of Vermont academy at Saxtons River.

## LOWELL H. PATCH.

Former Dummerston and Brattleboro  
Boy Dies in Allabon, N. Y.

Lowell H. Patch, 29, of Allabon, N. Y., died in that place Sunday, Aug. 27, after a brief illness. Mr. Patch formerly lived in West Brattleboro and worked in the feed store on Main street in this village and later was with the White River Chair Co., leaving for Allabon about a year ago.

The body will be brought here for burial in the Meeting House Hill cemetery and services will be held in the undertaking rooms of Bond & Son Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Mr. Patch leaves besides his wife, who was Minnie R. Totman of Conway, Mass., two children, a son and a daughter, also his mother, who lives in Dummerston, a brother, J. Waldo Patch, of Dummerston, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter F. Burbank, of Rutland and Mrs. George A. Sheldon, of Greenfield, Mass.